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1. In recent weeks there have been numerous discussions between the German Central Administrations concerned with economic matters and SMA Karlshorst in regard to a central agency for planning. The Russians have referred to the Soviet system (Gosplan) and to the "Planned Economy Division" of SMA. They have urged the establishment of a similar German agency to coordinate production and distribution plans. The Russians blame the lack of such an agency for the failure of planned economy in Germany thus far.

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Comment: Actually, all coordination so far has been handled by the Planned Economy Division of SNA. It decided, for instance, what quantities of steel and iron were to be allotted to industry, mining, transportation, etc., what amount of electricity was to be furnished to industry, transportation, and private consumption.)

2. The Central Administrations welcome some sort of central agency along these lines as a step toward the perfection of the over-all planning set-up. Some German Central Administrations have favored a "Central Coordinating Committee" which would handle distribution of various short materials; other Administrations claim that such a committee would not have sufficient authority to assert itself against the demands of the Central Administrations and SMA and propose, instead, the creation of a separate "Central Administration for Planning".

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3. [redacted] the SWA will create a Central Administration of Planning next year. It is claimed that the greatest difficulty is the lack of qualified personnel, which is said to be rendered more acute by the demand that only reliable SED members be chosen.

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4. [REDACTED] SMA has decided that the various Soviet enterprises in the zone will be included in all production and distribution plans of the Central Administrations. The directorate of the Soviet enterprises in Berlin-Weissensee reacted to this decision by informing the Central Administrations that it would draw up all plans for its own enterprises and then inform the Central

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Administrations so that the latter could include them in their over-all plans. The Central Administration for Industry has protested to SMA and the latter reportedly agrees with the German viewpoint.

5. The SMA has instructed German planning agencies to cover the full extent of German civilian requirements first and to allot any surplus to other needs. Previously the order had been to satisfy reparations demands first and meet civilian requirements from any surplus.
6. According to SED circles, this indicates a departure from the Soviet policy of ruthless plundering of the industrial potential of the zone. [redacted] this is unwarranted optimism; [redacted] the attitude of the Soviet enterprises in Berlin-Weissensee (Para. 4) shows that German planning agencies will have to give first priority to Soviet interests. [redacted] seventy percent of present industrial production in the Soviet Zone is concentrated in the Soviet-owned enterprises.
7. [redacted] the Central Administration for Planning is apparently in existence unofficially and is handling matters pertaining to planning and sequestration. Its connection with the Russian Five-Year Plan is not yet clear. It seems to be working on preparations for collective economy, which is planned as the next step after the agrarian reform.

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